Walker, Sir (Baron) Edmund

[Chairman, Board of Governors]

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 10th July 1917

Dear Sir Robert:

On returning after an absence I have your letter of the 29th ultimo. The report on aerodynamics did not reach me until 7th instant. I have read it and send it on to Colonel Leonard in accordance with your request. I have very little knowledge of physics but I am impressed with the feeling that we should comply in some measure with the recommendations of the report.

Yours faithfully

B E Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.
President, University of Toronto
Toronto

Walker, Sir (Byron) Edmund
[Chairman, Board of Governors]

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 26th July 1917

Dear Mr President:

University

You will have received from the Bursar a copy of the Hon. Dr Pyne's letter of the 23rd instant to the Board of Governors. I am sorry the matter has taken such a serious turn. The letter has been merely acknowledged awaiting advice from you and also awaiting the next meeting of the Board.

Yours faithfully

A G Gordhier

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Huntsville,

Muskoka

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 30th July 1917

Dear President Falconer:

University

I have your letter of the 27th instant. I hope the matter can await a meeting in September. The letter of the Minister has merely been acknowledged by the Bursar, as I stated in my previous letter, but if it is desirable for me to say anything further to Dr Pyne in view of the length of time which must elapse please let me know.

Yours faithfully

H. V. Meredith

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Huntsville

Muskoka,

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October 5th, 1917

My dear Sir Edmund:

Many thanks for your note enclosing the extract from the Montreal Weekly Report. I judge that McGill is not suffering relatively quite as much as we are in the Faculty of Applied Science, because they have 121 out of a normal 600 whereas we have 125 out of a normal 750.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker,
Toronto.

October 5th, 1917

Dear Sir Edmund:

The name submitted to me by Dean Fernow as a suitable successor for himself as Dean of the Faculty of Forestry is Mr. R. R. McMillan, who not quite a year ago left the British Columbia Forest Service, and who may be offered, he is told, the Directorship of the proposed B.C. Forest School. Any information you may get will I am sure be of value to us.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker,
Toronto.

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11th October 1917

Dear Sir Robert:

I have your note of the 9th instant and I have pleasure in enclosing my cheque for $100 towards the work of the University Settlement.

Yours sincerely

B E Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.
President, University of Toronto
Toronto

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 17th October 1917

Dear Sir Robert:

University : Toronto Conservatory of Music

I enclose Dr Vogt's report to the Board of Governors of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. I am sure you will be interested in reading it. It shows remarkable progress, considering the war. I think we shall really have to discuss very soon the future of the Conservatory. I can see that the desirability of its connection with the University is always in Dr Vogt's mind. I have told him more than once that we need from him a suggestion as to how the connection would enable something to be done for music which is not now being done, and while he always accepts this statement I think he needs some encouragement from the University point of view. As an individual he is making a large annual sacrifice solely for the purpose of placing music, and especially the teaching of music, in as high a position as possible in this Province.

Yours faithfully

B. E. Walker

Sir Robt. Falconer, K.C.M.G.
President, University of Toronto
Toronto

October 22nd, 1917

My dear Sir Edmund:

I have read Dr. Vogt's report with much interest. Undoubtedly it shows fine business ability, and also proves that the Conservatory has a large and growing constituency. I can quite realise how vital their annual examinations are for the creation and maintenance of this constituency. I shall be quite ready at any time to have a talk with Dr. Vogt and yourself with regard to the future relations. I think that to make a scheme carry it would be necessary to set forth some pretty broad plan as to the development of music in the Province.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, K.C.V.O.,
Toronto.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office

Toronto 2nd November 1917

Dear Sir Robert:

University

I enclose two letters regarding Mr McMillan which please return after perusal. It is not very easy to judge of the gentleman's qualifications for an academic post: some of his pecularities are quite apparent.

Yours faithfully

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

[illegible], 1917

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[illegible] for your two letters with papers [illegible]. [illegible] I will first of all [illegible].

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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November 14th, 1917

My dear Sir Edward:

I am sending you Colonel Lansdowne's letter.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

The Right Honble. E.G.M.C.

[illegible]

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November 15th, 1917

My dear Mr. Bennett:

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[illegible]

[illegible]

Sincerely yours,

[illegible]

Mr. Lorenzo Bennett, [illegible],

Secretary of the Board of Commerce

of the State of [illegible].

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office

Toronto 19th November 1917

Dear Mr President:

University: Women's Musical Club:

As you are out of town and I shall be out of town to-morrow, and as the matter should be dealt with at the next meeting of the Board of Governors, I enclose copy of a letter to Mrs Dickson, together with her reply. You will remember that she applied for permission to have Convocation Hall for the use of the Women's Musical Club on the afternoons mentioned in the memorandum enclosed, except 5th February and 14th March. Apart from the question of whether the Hall can be spared on these afternoons, there seems to be no room for discussion regarding the five afternoons when the Club programme is carried out without any admission fee, and we have only to consider the three evenings when a fee is charged. The artists for these occasions live in Toronto and the fee is trifling. The major part of the proceeds of the recitals therefore go to war purposes and I cannot personally see any reason why we should not grant their request. There is no other organization of precisely the same character in Toronto. You, however, are the best judge of the matter.

Yours faithfully

B E Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.
President, University of Toronto
Toronto

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September 21st., 1917

Dear Sir Friend:

I am returning Mr. Dickson's letter together with the resolution, as probably you will wish to keep it.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Professor Albert, M.C.L.C.,

Chairman, Board of Commerce

of the University of Tennessee.

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December 4th, 1917

My dear Sir Edward:

I am very much interested in what you say with regard to the kind of instructor we should have in the Russian language. I will of course keep it in mind, though I imagine in view of what is happening at present in Russia there will not be much demand in the immediate future for the employment of any one to the staff.

With best regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edward Grey, K.G.C.B.,
Chancery, Court of Teheran,
Care the University of Toronto.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office

Toronto 24th December 1917

Dear Sir Robert: University

I have read carefully that part of the Carnegie Report which deals with the Plan of Insurance and Annuities, and a great deal of the preceding material under the same heading. The Plan itself seems to cover satisfactorily almost every point which occurs to me and it looks as if matters might be placed upon a working basis. I am surprised, however, that Mr Pritchett, in view of the collapse of the original Carnegie plan, should comment upon ordinary life insurance and I particularly regret his remarks under the head of The Sham of Mutualization. I happen to be a director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society and I am therefore aware that the view he presents is rather shallow.

I am handing the book to Mr Lash to-day.

Yours faithfully

B. E. Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

December [illegible], 1917

My dear Sir Edmund:

I am sending you a letter which I have just received from Dr. Pritchett. Mr. Vaughan of whom he speaks is the Bursar of McGill University. Sir William Peterson asked me some time ago [illegible] and I told him that as our Board of Governors had not yet received the final draft of the [illegible] position to deal [illegible] of a [illegible] the Canadian Universities in the new [illegible] Insurance and Annuities Association. However, I told Sir William that I thought that if Mr. Vaughan were appointed it would be approved by the other Universities as he was an official of McGill University of high standing. Dr. Pritchett now says, as you will see from his letter, that he would consider a representative from the Governors of the Canadian Universities. It occurs to me that Professor A. H. Mackenzie, who is the [illegible] authority [illegible] might be a suitable representative for us. As it is [illegible] to keep the matter confidential I am hardly in a position to call the Board together and ask them to nominate some person. I should be glad to have you let me know whether there is any [illegible] should be [illegible].

Many thanks for your [illegible] with regard to the plan of insurance.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Edmund Walker, K.C.V.O.

President

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January 14th, 1919

Dear Sir Ernest:

The suggestion that you make with regard to appointing George L. Peer to the Warfleet Lectureship appeals to me as being a very good one. We should take the matter up soon so that lectures may be delivered next year.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Ernest Walker, C.V.O.

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January [illegible], 1917

Dear Sir Simon:

I will endeavour to be present at the meeting of the Zoological Society on Friday at four o'clock. If I am a quarter of an hour late it will be due to the fact that there is important business coming up at the Council of the Royal, or Royal Colonial Institute which I must attend, but I hope to be in time for the Zoo.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Sidney Olivier, K.C.M.G.,
Jamaica.

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February 20th, 1918

My dear Sir Edmund:

I am enclosing the two memoranda dealing with the Conservatory of Music. I shall be glad if you will consider them carefully and make any suggestions that you may deem suitable.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O.,
Toronto.

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March 1st, 1918

Dear Sir Edmund:

Many thanks for the enclosure from Mr. Walker in Montreal concerning the million dollars given to McGill. I am particularly interested in the very clever skit on advertising which has a large amount of sense in its humour.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O.,
Toronto.

March 6th, 1918

My dear Sir Edward:

I am returned to you the correspondence from Mr. Page. I should imagine that it would not be a good plan for Lord Bryce to see portrait, but you are a much better judge of a matter of that kind than I am.

I am very sorry to find that allusion from Mr. Cornish regarding Wyndham's illness.

With kind thanks, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Grey, G.C.M.G.,

Foreign Office.

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March 8th, 1918

My dear Sir Edmund:

Many thanks for the programme of the laying of the corner stone of King's College in 1842. I will have it placed in my office where it will be a most interesting historical memorial. I will also write to Judge Nelson of Pembroke.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O., LL.D.

Toronto.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office

Toronto 11th March 1918

Dear Sir Robert:

University

I enclose copy of a letter from Lord Reading. I presume you will communicate with him regarding the matter.

Yours faithfully

A E Ames

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

Copy of letter from His Excellency the Rt.
Hon. Earl Reading to Sir Edmund Walker
dated 7th March 1918:

I am much obliged to you for your letter of February 26th, conveying an invitation on behalf of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto for me to visit Toronto and receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws, on Friday May 17th.

It will give me great pleasure to accept this invitation and to receive the Degree, unless any unforeseen circumstances prevent me from leaving Washington at that date. I am so sorry to be obliged to make my acceptance provisional to this extent, but I feel sure you will understand the necessity for my doing so. I have, indeed, felt obliged hitherto to refrain from making any engagements for distant dates on account of the necessity for holding myself free for the important work here, but in view of the importance of your invitation I am making a exception in this case.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

March 20th, 1918

My dear Sir Edmund:

I have spoken to Colonel Fraser about the probability of Lord Reading being here on the 17th May and he is to take the matter up with the Lieutenant-Governor.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O.,
Toronto.

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The Canadian Bank of Commerce

Head Office.

Toronto 4th May 1918

Dear Sir Robert:

Mr George W. Booth, the gentleman through whom the bronze figure known as"Tying the Sandal" was presented to the University, and who within a fortnight has lost one son in the service, has another son who desires to change from his present position to that of an officer in the Tank Battalion, and I promised Mr Booth to write to you on his behalf. He was apparently told by Colonel Denison that all appointments to this battalion were being made through you. I should not like to influence your opinion but I should be glad if anything could be done for Mr Booth's son.

Yours faithfully

B. E. Walker

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.

President, University of Toronto

Toronto

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May 11th, 1918

Dear Sir Edmund:

I have asked the Registrar to arrange for a stenographer to be present at the Convocation in the afternoon. I hardly think that we need him in the evening. It would add a degree of formality to what I suppose will be a private dinner.

I will have the letter of Professor Lawson placed in our honorary degree files so that it may come up next spring.

Yours sincerely,

President.

Sir Edmund Walker, C.V.O.,
Toronto.